

Itinerary CHUI3

22 days / 21 nights

03 September to 25 September 2008

Chindwin Cruise & Upper Irrawaddy Cruise

3 September – Rangoon (Yangon)

-/Lunch/Dinner

Arrive Yangon International Airport and stay overnight at the Inya Lake Hotel (or equivalent 4 star); sunset visit to the Shwedagone Pagoda.

4 September – Rangoon (Yangon) to Kalemyo

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

The gate town for the Chin State. We explore Kalewa with its markets and quaint wooden architecture.

5 September – Kalewa to Kindat

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Stop for morning walk at Balet, a charming and typical river community.

6 September – Kindat to Paungbyin

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Kindat was as far as the old IFC steamers ventured outside of the Monsoon season. This part of the Chindwin valley is very sparsely populated and villages are few and far between.

7 September - Paungbyin to Sitthaung

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We pass the mouth of Yu River which drains the Kubu valley, Sitthaung was the final resting place of a number of IFC steamers scuppered there in 1942.

8 September – Sitthaung to Toungdoot

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Toungdoot or Hsawng-hsup in Tai, is an ancient Shan enclave which in British times still had a ruling prince or sawbwa complete with palace and court.

9 September – Toungdoot to Homalin

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We pass the Uyu River worked by gold washers on the way to Homalin, the furthest navigable point on the Chindwin for vessels of our size.

10 September – Homalin to Mawlaik

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Mawlaik replaced Kindat as the administrative capital,. Like other towns of the Upper Chindwin, they can only be reached boat so cars are few.

11 September – Mawlike to Mingkin

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Mingkin with its Konbaung court style teak monasteries are sumptuously decorated. Mingkin may be described as the Luang Prabang of the Chindwin.

12 September – Mingkin to Monywa

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Entering the Lower Chindwin where the river widens and the forested hills fall away to farmland we pass a number of attractive villages. We will explore Monywa and time permitting make a quick trip to the Thanbodi Temple with its million Buddha images.

13 September – Monywa to Pagan (Bagan)

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Cruise all day through the great Lower Chindwin plain.

14 September – Pagan (Bagan)

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Tour a selection of the most significant of the 3,000 Buddhist monuments found at this World Heritage Site. We will visit lacquer ware manufacturers. Sail in the afternoon and moor overnight at Thein Gone village to visit the new school and monastery.

15 September – Yandabo Village

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We head upstream to the Chindwin confluence and stop in the evening at Yandabo. Here we visit the Pandaw School built with donations from past Pandaw passengers.

16 September – Ava and Amarapura

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

In the morning we travel to Ava and explore the ruins, visiting Bagaya Kyaing, a 200 year old royal monastery made of teak with elaborate wood carving. In the afternoon travel to Mandalay for a orientation tour of the city area visiting the Mahamuni Pagoda and sunset at Amarapura U-Bein Bridge.

17 September – Mingun Pagoda and Bell

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We cast off early and stop at Mingun to see the largest working bell in the world the unfinished pagoda that is the largest single mass of brick building in the world. We also visit the Mingun Old People's Home originally established with the assistance of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1930s.

18 September – Kyaung-myong Potteries

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Visit the spectacular potteries near Kyauk-myong we enter the Third Defile and sail upstream all day stopping at Khan-nyat village with its many Buddhist monasteries and an orphanage we support.

19 September – Tagaung Ancient City

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Explore by foot the ancient city of Tagaung viewing the fortifications. In the evening we climb the Pagoda Hill at Tigyang with its stunning views of the Irrawaddy.

20 September – Burmese Days

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We reach the enchanting colonial town of Katha, setting for George Orwell's Myanma Days. Katha was the final resting place of the flotilla and here over a hundred ships were scuppered in 1942.

21 September – Shwegu

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We continue upstream to Shwegu, another centre of pot making, and Kyun-daw a midstream island of monasteries and countless small pagodas.

22 September – Bhamo

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Cruise through the 2nd Defile, the most dramatic of the three gorges with cliffs towering over the narrow channel. Reach Bhamo in the afternoon, an important trading town close to the Chinese border.

23 September – 1st Defile

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Chartering a smaller 'country boat' we will proceed upstream from Bhamo and attempt to reach the dramatic 1st Defile. In the evening explore Bhamo's bustling markets.

24 September – Bhamo to Rangoon (Yangon)**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Dismark at Bhamo, transfer to airport by local bus, and fly to Rangoon and check in to Inya Lake Hotel.
Coach trip to visit the famous Scots Market and if of interest the gem emporia.

25 September – Rangoon (Yangon)**Breakfast/Lunch/-**

Optional early morning visit the World War II cemetery at Htaukchan. International depatures.

BOOK NOW!**Upper Deck & Main Deck same rates!****Tour Price in US\$ per person:**

Cabin Type	US\$ per person twin sharing	US\$ per person single use
Upper Deck	6237	7337
Main Deck	6237	7337

BOOK NOW!**Costs inclusive:**

Accommodation in Yangon, Cabin as per booking, transfers and transportation as per itinerary, sightseeing, domestic flight as per itinerary, main meals as mentioned, English speaking Guide, all entrance fees, free flow of soft drinks, coffee, tea, Mineral Water

Costs exclusive:

**International flights, Visa fees, fuel surcharge, imported drinks/alcohols, INSURANCES!!!
Personal expenses such as tips, telephone, laundry, minibar, tips**

Payment Terms:

1. 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of any booking and is non-refundable!
2. Final balances must be paid 60 days before departure or the booking may be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

Cancellation Terms:

Pandaw got very strict cancellation periods therefore we need to ask for the same policy!
For cancellations of confirmed bookings, the following charges will apply:

70 days or more	-	20% of total amount
56 to 69 days	-	30% of total amount
29 to 55 days	-	40% of total amount
15 to 28 days	-	60% of total amount
8 to 14 days	-	90% of total amount
7 days or less	-	100% of total amount

Terms and Conditions of Carriage on Pandaw Ships:

1. Though every effort will be made to ensure that the published itinerary is followed as closely as possible, given uncertain river and other local conditions, all schedules and itineraries may be subject to alterations and delays at short notice.
2. The ship's purser and captain are jointly responsible for passengers' comfort and safety. Passengers must accept their decisions and instructions.
3. Whilst our crew do everything in their power to facilitate landings, access to ship at certain river stations can be difficult, with steep and sometimes slippery river banks. Elderly passengers should consult their doctor to ensure that they fit for travel. Wheel chairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of the company an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and the company's management, subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board the vessel unless by prior agreement with the passenger.
5. Should it prove difficult to embark or disembark passengers at the scheduled points the company are not liable to bear any extra cost of transporting passengers to and from the revised point of embarkation or disembarkation unless passengers or their agents have purchased a complete package tour which includes land services from us. Any reason for changing the points of embarkation or disembarkation can not count as a reason for canceling this contract.
6. Passengers should seek advice from their doctor regarding relevant inoculations and prophylactics for travel to these countries.
7. Passengers must be fully insured to cover any risk of medical expense and repatriation (which includes repatriation of remains) and the Company is in no way responsible for such liabilities. Passengers must settle before departure any medical bills incurred whilst on a company ship for doctor's attendance, drugs supplied, and any other medical facilities provided by the company for passenger.
8. Once a booking has been received through a sales agent or directly from the passenger a contract exists between the Company and the passenger and these terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed agents are responsible for the transfer of their passengers to and for the ship on time and in the event of a late arrival the ship is not obliged to delay departure thereby upsetting tight schedules.
10. **The company accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property** whilst on board a company vessel.
11. During the river stops on the company provide a guide service in the English language. Foreign language guides must be pre booked and there may be extra charges for this. Personal guides must be booked at normal rates in passenger accommodation.
12. The company reserve the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket can be produced and the company can not guarantee the exact allocation of cabins and deck location which may in the event of extenuating circumstances differ from the cabin number indicated on the ticket.
13. Within the ticket price fuel costs have been calculated on average prices as of the publication of this document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10% the company will be entitled to impose a fuel supplement equivalent to the amount by which the fuel price exceeds the price allowed for in the contract.
14. It is not permitting to allow any breed of animal on board.
15. Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but the company can not guarantee the available of a cot. Children of 4 years and + must solely occupy a berth and pay full rate.
16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply.
17. The company reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy is printed on an invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Passengers and their agent must abide these terms and the company reserves the right to either cancel an existing reservation or to refuse passage in the event that these terms have not been adhered to.
19. In the event that one passenger enters into a commercial or other form of relationship or arrangement with other passenger the company is no way liable for the obligations of one passenger to another passenger or any claim arising thereof.
20. **For cruise departures where occupancy is less than 5 cabins the company reserve the right to cancel the departure giving all passengers with confirmed booking 30 days prior notice of this intention.** An alternative departure date will the cancelled cruise will be refunded. In the event that a passenger has cancellation fees and the Company subsequently cancels that departure then any cancellation fees (and down payment) will be refunded in full on the request of the passenger.
21. The company reserve the right to change a cabin allocated without notice and in the event that a passenger is downgraded to a cheaper cabin then the difference in cost between the cabins will be refunded to the passenger or the passenger's agent.

22. **Force Majeure: in the case of circumstances beyond normal control, such as war, civil or political unrest, strikes, catastrophes, epidemics or disruption to fuel supplies for the vessel, the Company may cancelled the cruise and there will be a full refund of all monies paid by the passenger. In the event of a cruise being cancelled as a result of the above force majeure situation following the commencement of that cruise period then monies will not be refunded.**